

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1-3, 5, 7-13, and 28-31 are allowed. Claims 1, 3, 8-10, and 30 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. The scope of claims 1, 3, 8-10, and 30 has not been changed by these amendments. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

In the July 28, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the application was in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims directed to non-elected subject matter. Accordingly, claims 16-27 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant's reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of claims 16-27 in one or more divisional application(s).

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment, and pass this application to issue.

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